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In re PCT International Application of: )  
VAN DEN BOSCH, Petrus Johannes Walterus Maria, et al. )  
Int. Appl No.: PCT/EP2004/051322 )  
Int. Filing Date: 1 July 2004 )  
PROCESS TO PRODUCE PIPELINE-TRANSPORTABLE )  
CRUDE OIL FROM FEED STOCKS CONTAINING )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Please replace the abstract with the abstract following: